Recommendations of Exclusion of Drugs on Category-II

156. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has made recommendation recently to Department of Chemicals as well as Kelkar Committee for exclusion of certain drugs from Category II under existing price control as well as inclusion of certain drugs in category II;

(b) if so, when such a recommendation was sent;

(c) what are the names of drugs recommended for exclusion alongwith the basis and justification thereof;

(d) what are the names of drugs recommended for price control alongwith therapeutic indication of each;

(e) whether if Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has also recommended for shifting of drug from category I to II; and

(f) if so, what are the names of those drugs and the justification of such recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (f) On the basis of a review made by the Director General of Health Services, recommendations were made to the Department of Chemicals on 9th June, 1988 for the exclusion of Paracetamol from the purview of Category I, on account of its not being specifically anti-malarial, and Diazepam and other tranquillizers from the purview of Category II as tranquillizers may not be considered essential for price control. Reclassification of Rifampicin from Category I to Category II has also been recommended, the criterion being the high technology involved in the manufacture of the drug requires incentives for production.

Definition of principal drugs for price control

157. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) what is the definition of principal drugs and in what manner this definition was applied for identification of drugs for price control;

(b) whether it is a fact that in the policy statement announced in December, 1986, all drugs required for National Health Programmes were to be covered under price control;

(c) whether Tetracycline Hcl. Hydrocortisone, Vitamin A, Folic Acid, Getamycin, Prednisolong, Iron drugs are principal drugs so far as control of blindness and Child & Maternal Health Programmes are concerned; and

(d if so, what is the differences between one and the other drug, when used for the diseases under these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) Essential Drugs distributed and used for specific diseases under eight National Health Programmes were identified for Price Control under the Drugs Price Control Order, 1987.

(c) and (d) Drugs for the Maternal and Child Health Programme are being evaluated for price control recommendations to the Department of Chemicals. Tetracycline Hcl. and Hydrocortisone are extensively used under the National Programme for Control of Blindness.

Permission for marketing of Ibuprofen and Mephenesin combination of FDA Gujarat

158. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state